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**TO: ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
AND WIC STATE PLAN**

**FROM: Celeste Andriot Wood
Assistant Commissioner
Division of Family Health Services**

DATE: April 2005

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - MAY 17, 2005
MCH BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION AND WIC STATE PLAN**

Available for your review on our New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services website (www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/famhlth.htm - in PDF format) is an electronic draft of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2006 and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) FFY 2006-2007 State Strategic Plan. Prior to the application being finalized, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at the State House Annex, Committee Room 1, 1st Floor, 125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

The hearing will focus on the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, as required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1989, PL 101-239, Section 501 (A) (1) F (iii) p24 and the FFY2005-2006 WIC State Plan (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). Interested parties may provide verbal testimony at the public hearing. Testimony should not exceed 5 minutes in length and should be accompanied by eight written copies of the testimony. Those interested in testifying should contact Tory Mele at (609) 777-7753 between the hours of 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, by no later than Thursday, May 12, to arrange for a place on the testimony agenda.

Individuals not able to attend this hearing may submit written comments no later than the close of business on May 26, 2005, to: Tory Mele, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Family Health Services, OAC, Capital Center Building, 6th Floor, 50 East State Street, P.O. Box 364, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0364.

Additional information about the hearing, or a hard copy of the Maternal and Child Health Application can be obtained by contacting Ms. Mele at (609) 777-7753. Information regarding the WIC State Plan can be obtained by contacting Ms. Lisa West at (609) 292-9560. If there is a need for sign language interpretation, please contact Ms. Mele before May 5.